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Dear Ambassadors Battle and Yates,

Thank you for the outstanding support that you and your teams provided to the U.S. delegation during the African Union summit from January 29-February 2. In our short time in Addis Ababa, we accomplished a lot - more than 20 meetings with African leaders. Besides the number of meetings, however, I know that we made progress on some of Africa's biggest challenges.

Addis Ababa is unique in the Bureau of African Affairs, because it is our only capital with two co-equal ambassadors and diplomatic missions. I was proud to see both of your missions work so closely together in furtherance of our foreign policy goals in Africa. The size and rank of our delegation was a challenge, given that it numbered almost a half dozen senior U.S. Government officials. However, I believe that you met the challenge with gusto.

I know that the summit required the support of dozens of people from your missions - control officers, notetakers, control room staff, drivers, expeditors, and others. Please make sure that they all receive my personal thanks.

I look forward to returning to Addis Ababa next January for another very successful summit.

Sincerely,

Johnnie Carson
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